



## SGS to mark its 40th Anniversary in 2005

In the November 1986 issue of the SGS newsletter, Editor Donald Eff, at the behest of then-SGS President Bob Cox, wrote a history of the Seeley Genealogical Society. As our organization approaches 40 years in existence, its important that we remember not only the history of our family, but the history of SGS.

All things have to be started somewhere, sometime, and someplace by someone, and the beginning of the SGS is herewith repeated.

The founder of SGS was one, Garner Osborn, a Methodist minister born Nov. 8, 1887 in Burr Oak, Iowa. Burr Oak is not big enough to be listed in present day road atlases, but is shown in Compton's Encyclopedia, published in 1956 as having 250 inhabitants.

Therefore the population in 1887 when Garner was born must have been very small. It is in Winneshiek County, in northeast Iowa, just south of the Minnesota-Iowa border. Garner was the son of William and Alice (Seelye) Osborn. He went to Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa, became an ordained minister in 1912, and served many parishes in Iowa, and came to Lyons, Colo. in 1954. He moved to Longmont, Colo. in 1972, died 1976 at age 88 and is buried in the Foothills Garden of Memory.

He had spent 15 years gathering Seeley family records, and started the Seeley Newsletter at the suggestion of Mrs. Arthur Hellyer of Boise, Idaho. His interest in genealogy included studying the formation of family organizations such as his related Merwin and Tidwell Family Associations.

Initially, and most importantly, he found that there had to be a need for such an organization. This is often evident when someone gets the idea and writes a family history. But then, as so often happens, he or she dies, the heirs put the work in the attic where dust, rust and neglect finely destroy it. And, as our present English genealogist (Allan Phipps) has remarked, a family association is only as strong as its leader. Translated: that

indicates a family association founder not only must have an intense and enduring interest, some knowledge of what all is entailed with genealogy, consideration of others, and hopefully a good enough physical condition to endure for several years.

The first thing Garner decided was that the President and Vice President (at least in the beginning) should be, if at all possible, named Seeley. Certainly that would be helpful! Also that there was a place for the women of the Seeleys. In fact, women were instrumental in getting SGS off

the ground. The men may furnish the name, but the women often provide the needed impetus. So we learn that such was the case with the preparation and

mailing of the newsletters. Women did the typing, the preparation, and the mailing. We also learn that costs were originally on a contribution basis. Such things as regular dues and a research fund come in good time, and when appropriate. There were no elected officers as such in the beginning, and Garner is shown only as the Interim Editor. However, by the second issue he had appointed

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### *The year 1977 marked the publication of THE DESCENDANTS OF ROBERT SEELEY covering the first five generations as compiled by Esther Houtz*

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#### Membership

Membership is open to anyone interested in genealogy, history or biography; amateur or professional. Although the name Seeley refers to one family surname, SGS counts among its family those with surnames spelled a variety of ways such as: Seeley, Seelye, Sealy, Sealey, Seley, Selye, Seale, Seelee, Seela, Cieley, Cealy, Cilley, etc.

#### Membership Dues

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#### SGS International Reunions

are held every two years. The next one is scheduled for September 2005 in Abilene, KS. Please advise the editor if your branch or family have plans for a sectional or local reunion in the interim. Others might like to know about it.

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## The President's Report

The dates for the 2005 SGS Reunion in Abilene, KS are Thursday through Saturday, 15 – 17 September. The 2003 reunion attendees suggested these dates. They are one week later than our normal reunion dates in order to avoid heavy Labor Day travel. Mark your calendar. Hope to see you there.

There will be a meeting of the SGS Board of Directors at the Seelye Research Center in Abilene, KS on Friday 14 May 2003. Our Board meetings are open to all

members; however, to ensure adequate seating, those who aren't elected Board members should notify Terry Tietjens of your plans to listen in on the meeting. If any member would like to address the Board, please send Jim Seeley a summary of your comments/recommendations so that advance preparations may be made as appropriate. Suggested meeting agenda items are welcome.

For those planning to attend the trip to England in September, you may want to know that the Plaza Hotel on Hyde Park in London, where the kickoff meeting will take place, has changed names. It is now the Corus on Hyde Park. A link to the Corus Hotel on Hyde Park is <http://www.dilos.com/hotel/1434>. A tentative itinerary appears in this issue of the newsletter. Stand by for updates to follow.

The Obadiah DNA Test Project is in its final phase. Results are being analyzed on the last two DNA samples. The project is expected to be completed within the \$1800 budget set by the Board of Directors. The Test Director is expected to submit his final report for review by the Board of Directors at their 14 May 2004 meeting in Abilene, KS. However, it appears to me that the final test results will not achieve our hoped for objective of helping us understand the relationship between Obadiah Seeley [1614-1657] and Robert Seeley [1602-1667]. Therefore, any further DNA testing will be done as a separate test project. It should be noted, though, that although we did not achieve our goal, I believe the experience we gained will help us do a better job of structuring any future DNA testing so that the project will have a higher chance of success.

I am chairing a committee to evaluate SGS research objectives and select appropriate researchers. Our priority continues to be to understand any relationship between Robert and Obadiah. Ray and Ann Hall's presentation at the 2003 Reunion offered some excellent ideas on research objectives. I have learned since the reunion that the Obadiah who was christened on 5 Jun 1614 in St. Martin Parish, Birmingham, Warwickshire, England may have apprenticed with the Turners Company in London as a wood carver and carpenter. Is this the same Obadiah who built a house for John Miller in Connecticut whose widow he later married? Our research may endeavor to prove these facts to help establish Obadiah's line. Then, we can pursue the relationship between Robert's and Obadiah's line in England. If any reader has information on these facts, please contact me.

As always, we need volunteers to serve on various committees and projects. See the lists elsewhere in this newsletter.

Jim Seeley  
 SGS President



## SGS History (continued from page 1)

Preston Seelye as temporary treasurer. By December of 1966, Garner who is now nearing 79 years of age, has determined that SGS was already becoming a burden on his health and interest. So he felt fortunate in receiving the cooperation of Leela Seely Anderson who agreed to serve as "editor pro-tem." She was an English teacher from the San Bernardino Valley College in California. Also, by this time, Marion Seelye of Abilene, Kans. was acting as secretary. In the fall of 1968 we find that the new "editor pro-tem," who had only published two issues of the newsletter, left for Europe on a mission for the Church of the Latter Day Saints, so Garner, who by now is residing in Longmont, Colo. is back on duty, replacing his replacement. However, he now has Charles Martin of Charles City, Iowa as Custodian of Seeley information and records and Esther (Hogg) Houtz of Boulder, Colo. first as a contributing editor and then as director of publications, but now living in Allenspark, Colo.

In the spring of 1968, SGS had its first president: Lloyd Seeley of Klammath Falls, Oregon. Now with a more permanent slate of officers and a growing membership, SGS was taking its second progressive step. By the fall of 1970, Wallace Errol Seely of New Brunswick was the genealogist for the descendants of Obadiah Seeley and Douglas Stuart Seelye of Glastonbury, Conn. for descendants of Nathaniel Seeley [sic]. By January of 1971 things had undergone another change. Garner was now in Kearney, Neb. and SGS President Lloyd Seeley had resigned. DeLoss Seely of Tacoma, Wash. had accepted the vacated position of President. In the fall of 1971, Garner, due to failing health, was forced to retire from all activity and so turned over all Seeley records to Esther Houtz. DeLoss in early 1972, organized the previously issued newsletters, No. 1 through No. 16 into booklet form, printed and sold them for \$1.50. Garner, the founder and backbone of this Seeley Association died June 5, 1976, following by 11 months the demise of his wife.

A change in the format of the newsletter was begun in the fall of 1976. This was for economic reasons as well as easier preparation. In 1977, Douglas Seelye of Glastonbury, Conn., the genealogist for descendants of Nathaniel Seeley,

and an active officer as well as compiler of the Seeley Coat of Arms which was published in newsletter #21 (Aug. 1974) died at age 81. The year 1977 marked the publication of *The Descendants of Robert Seeley* covering the first five generations as compiled by Esther Houtz. Membership was growing by leaps and bounds due largely to then Secretary Hank Seeley, who was then of White Bear Lake, Minn., but now of Lawrence, Kan. Hank instituted and paid for printing and distribution of a form letter available through members, libraries and genealogical societies, which resulted in great interest in membership. Plans were being made to hold the First All-Family Seeley Reunion somewhere in Colorado in 1980.

But the "winds of change" were not all favorable. A big setback occurred in

August 1979 when Esther's husband Jack V. Houtz died during emergency surgery following a sudden heart attack. But life goes on, and so has SGS. Esther, helped by Sherrie Moss continued on with plans and the First All-Family Seeley Reunion was held August 16, 1980 at the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Hall in Lyons, Colo. Some 83 Seeley descendants from 18 states were in attendance. Two new officers were elected: Donald Eff of Boulder, Colo. as president and Robert Seeley Johnson of Chicago, Ill. as Vice President. At that business meeting it was voted that there should be annual dues, and that terms of officers would be for three years with a Triennial Reunion held to mark the expiration of their terms, as well as to elect new officers.

In 1982 a list of members, their addresses and lineage was published. Also reported were the findings of Allan Phipps on the English ancestry of Robert Seeley. Here in the U.S., closer to home, Marion Seelye of Abilene, Kan. and her sister Helen suffered a fire in their home, and shortly thereafter Marion tendered her resignation as secretary. SGS suffered another blow when on Aug. 18, the home of Esther and her new husband Otto Walter of Allenspark, Colo. was struck by lightning and badly burned. The enclosed front porch, the adjoining living room, a corner bedroom, den and closet where Seeley records were kept, as well as Esther's genealogy and correspondence,

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## Logan Seelye Continues on the Road to Recovery

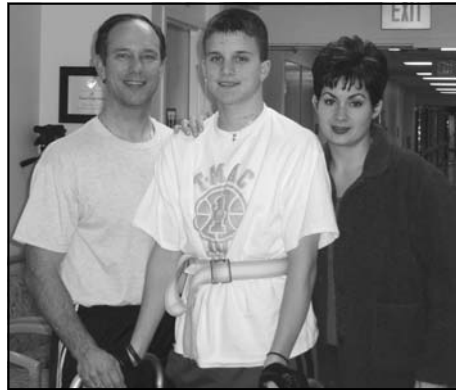
SGS Past President Dan Seelye's grandson Logan continues the long road to recovery after a football injury last summer left him in a wheel chair.

Logan was injured July 2 at a summer football camp when he collided with another player. He sustained two dislocated vertebrae in his upper spine, as well as damage to his spinal cord that initially left him paralyzed and bedridden. But those days are over.

Although his primary means of getting around is a wheel chair, in October, using parallel bars in his physical therapy, Logan began standing for the first time since the accident. Then in December he got his first pair of custom-fitted leg braces making therapy workouts go smoother. He still has a long way to go, but he is now able to walk the hallways during his therapy sessions using a walker.

In the meantime, Logan continues his three-day-a-week rehab schedule. Each session includes an hour of physical therapy where he works primarily on his legs, and another hour of occupational therapy that concentrates on his hands, shoulders and arms.

A truly remarkable young man, Logan has



During a recent rehabilitation workout, Logan Seelye paused for a photo op with his proud parents Dan and Sally. With the aid of a walker, Logan now walks short distances after suffering a serious back injury during a football camp last summer.

been profiled in the Tacoma News Tribune twice since the last newsletter. Those stories can be found on the Trib's website at:

<http://www.tribnet.com/news/story/4325236p-4335097c.html> and

<http://www.tribnet.com/news/local/story/4547374p-4522055c.html>

If you would like to contribute to Logan's rehabilitation fund, you can send a check payable to LOGAN SEELYE DONATION ACCOUNT (Acct. No. 471142036931), Key Bank, 3917 N 26th St Tacoma, WA 98407□

### Opportunities to Serve Active Committees Looking For Input From SGS Membership

The following is a list of currently active SGS Committees and the committee chair. If you would like to join some other members already serving on these committees, please contact me and the committee chairperson.

1. Propose changes to the Constitution & By-laws *Kathie Olsen\**
2. Investigate establishing SGS as a Non-Profit organization *Jim Seeley\**
3. Membership and Promotion *Ray Hall\**
4. DNA Test (other than Obadiah) *Jim Seeley\**
5. Establish SGS Research Objectives *Jim Seeley\**
6. 2005 SGS Reunion Planning *Jim Seeley\**
7. Assist with Seeley Women Book *Dian Little\**
8. Nominating Committee for 2005 Reunion *Jim Seeley\** [Note: Once appointed, the chairperson and members of the nominating committee make their selections independently of the President.]
9. Revise SGS logo and present to membership for vote *Paul Taylor\**

\* Indicates contact information may be found on page 15.□

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My Ancestor's Journey in the 1880's  
Obadiah DNA Test Project Plan & Status  
Plans for SGS Trip to England in 2004

The State of the Society

SGS Constitution, By-laws and Treasurer's Report  
After-Dinner Speakers

Deciphering Early American Handwriting

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Colonial Virginia Headrights

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**See the SGS Publications Box on Page 15  
to Find Out How to Get Yours!!!**

## Meet Dian Little - SGS Chief Genealogist



*Editor's Note: At the reunion in Williamsburg, long-time SGS Member Dian Little was elected to the post of Chief Genealogist. She's a wonderful person and a great contributor to SGS, so I asked her to tell us a little about herself.*

I was born in southern Utah and spent my school years in Park City, Utah. I am married and my husband Jack and I each have sons from previous

marriages. I am now retired from Qwest, previously Pacific NW Bell. Since retirement we have traveled extensively.

My ancestors, were among the early pioneers to Utah (including a Seeley and Seely line). They came from Canada, Scotland, New England and Denmark. Several of Jack's ancestors and one of mine were among the original group of Scotch Irish from Northern Ireland. As a result we have been to Scotland and Ireland for research.

Now that Jack is no longer able to travel because of poor health I spend most of my time doing research on the Internet. □

## SGS Trip to England

All are invited to join SGS for a visit to England in 2004. Tentative cost is \$999 per person including hotels, breakfasts and some other meals, plus admissions to attractions. If you are interested in learning more about the trip, contact Kathie Olsen (contact data on page 15).

### Tentative Itinerary

Sat., Sept. 11	Meet at Corus on Hyde Park Hotel, London, England General Meeting of all participants
Sun., Sept. 12	Leave London at 9:00 Drive to Huntingdon Visit Hinchingsbrooke House Stay at Marriott Hotel
Mon., Sept. 13	Visit Huntingdon and Area Great Gransden, Huntingdon Area Churches Houghton Mills Stay at Marriott Hotel
Tues., Sept. 14	Drive to Stratford Visit Kenilworth Castle Visit birthplace of Shakespeare Attend Theatre Stay at Stratford
Wed., Sept. 15	Drive to Portsmouth via Oxford Visit Portsmouth Dockyards (Mary Rose Display Ship) Possible visit to Isle of Wight Stay at ?
Thu., Sept. 16	Drive to Battle (Site of the Battle of Hastings, Battle Abbey) Return to London Stay at Corus on Hyde Park Hotel
Fri., Sept. 17	Visit the Sites of London Coleman Street Tower of London Possibly St. Paul's Cathedral □

## More Opportunities to Serve

Listed below are SGS projects that need volunteers. Also listed is a person to contact if you are willing to contribute some time. U.S. Mail addresses for each POC are found on page 15 of the Newsletter.

Area Coordinator [Queries & Membership]

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Plan SGS Genealogical Research

Jim Seeley, jrseeley@aol.com

Assist at SGS Research Center, Abilene KS

Terry Tietjens, terryt@access-one.com

Plan for SGS Reunion in 2005

Jim Seeley, jrseeley@aol.com

Present Paper at SGS Reunion in 2005

Jim Seeley, jrseeley@aol.com

Contribute to a Seeley Women book

Dian Little, little44@msn.com

Submit names for "Famously Seeleys" list

Marshall Seelye, mseelye@localnet.com

Submit names for Seeley Vets in Armed Forces

Marshall Seelye, mseelye@localnet.com

DNA Projects [other than Obadiah]

Jim Seeley, jrseeley@aol.com

Take Trip to Great Britain in 2004

Kathy Olsen, davidkathie@mstar2.net

Identify primary family immigrants

Jim Seeley, jrseeley@aol.com

The last project is a new one that would examine inputs from members and the Ancestor File Index (now available on CD) to ultimately document descendancy lines from other primary immigrants of all spellings of the Seeley surname [other than Robert and Obadiah Seeley]. It would be wonderful if each member could contribute to at least one project. About 20 members, plus folks who respond to queries, do SGS volunteer work now. Each has our gratitude. □

## Connecticut Pre-Revolutionary Court Records Online

SGS Chief Genealogist Dian Little forwarded the Web site for the University of Connecticut's Colonial Connecticut Records (CCR) project. It can be found online at the following web address: <http://www.colonialct.uconn.edu/default.cfm>

The CCR is a digital collection created by staff at the University of Connecticut Libraries and supported generously by the Mashantucket Pequot Museum & Research Center and the Connecticut State Library. The project aims to bring the colonial history of Connecti-

cut alive and more accessible to users worldwide by the online delivery of the complete, digitized volumes of the Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut from 1636 to 1776. By making the texts available online, not only for the University of Con-

necticut community but also for users worldwide, the team of digitization specialists is focusing on delivering historical Connecticut information to researchers around the world.

CCR was four years in the making and developed directly to fulfill the research needs of

96	PUBLIC RECORDS	[May,
A COURT OF ELECTION HELD AT HARTFORD, MAY THE 11 <sup>th</sup> , 1682.		

98	PUBLIC RECORDS	[May,
Whereas Obadiah Seely of Standford is deceased and hath left his estate in debt, so that they cannot satisfy the creditors without it be by sale of some part of the lands of the sayd Seely, This Court impowers the administrators to make sale of so much of his estate in lands as may answer his debts.		

The CCR contains 16 volumes of courts records spanning from April 1636 to June 1776. Volume three contains the above entry about the estate of Obadiah Seely (SGS #17) from May 11, 1682 on page 98.

the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Connecticut. CCR acknowledges the staff at the Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center for helping to formulate the first phase of the project. Thanks also go to the staff at the Connecticut State Library who donated new, high-quality images of the Public Records that are currently being used throughout CCR. These new images were digitized by Northern Micrographics from publications owned by the Conn. State Library.

Currently, it is possible to access scanned images of all fifteen volumes by browsing an A-Z subject index, searching by date, or searching by volume and page number. Although full-text and keyword access to the text is not yet available, future phases of the project will most certainly incorporate this level of advanced access.

CCR was created by digitizing microfilm copies of the following printed volumes: Connecticut (Colony). The Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut, from April 1636 to October 1776 ... transcribed and published, (in accordance with a resolution of the General assembly). Hartford: Brown & Parsons. 1850-1890. 15 vols.

The original archival materials that served as the sources for the text of the published Public Records of the Colony are housed in the State Archives at the Connecticut State Library. Because there are some differences between the texts of the documents as found in the original manuscripts and the transcriptions of those documents in the published volumes, researchers interested in using primary sources are advised to consult the origi-

### Area Coordinators

SGS has a program whereby area coordinators assist the executive board in achieving goals for the organization. Among other things, area coordinators help the query editor respond to queries in their area. They are also asked to help the membership chair with initiatives to help increase the number of members in their area. But perhaps most importantly they can be great sources of information about SGS and genealogy in general. We need more volunteers for this important function. If you would like to assist one of the Area Coordinators below, please contact them, or if you would like to serve as Area Coordinator for an area of the globe not listed below, contact SGS President Jim Seeley (contact info on Page 15)

Arizona	Ann Hall (Ramon Hall's Wife)*
New York	Marshall Seelye* (Warren, Washington & Saratoga Counties)
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Utah	Jeffrey A. Allred allred@inetz.com 10287 S. Calla Lily Way Sandy, UT
Colorado	Ann Hall*
Wyoming	Ann Hall
Kansas	Terry Tietjens*
Quebec, Canada	Dian Little*
Montana	Ann Hall*
New Mexico	Ann Hall*

\* Indicates addresses are on page 15

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## *Seelye in the Spotlight*

### Talcott W. Seelye

### Career Foreign Service Officer



Photo From Public Television's NewsHour with Jim Lehrer.

It probably didn't come as much of a surprise to anyone that Talcott W. Seelye ended up spending much of his adult life overseas and all of it in the foreign relations community. Seelye's great-grandfather, William Frederick Williams, went to the Ottoman Empire as a Congregational missionary in 1849, settling in Mosul, in what is now Iraq. William Nesbitt Chambers, his grandfather, also served in the Ottoman Empire where he lived through two Armenian massacres and risked his life to save Armenians. His father Laurens, was a professor at the American University of Beirut, in the city where Seelye was born.

After a boyhood in Lebanon, Seelye got his education in the U.S. where he graduated from Deerfield Academy and Amherst College. At Amherst he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, served as president of the student council, was captain of the varsity soccer team (making All-New England) and played varsity basketball. He received the award for the senior who in four years brought the most honor to Amherst athletics both in terms of achievement and sportsmanship.

He served in the Army during World War II, rising from private to captain. He was stationed in Iran with the Persian Gulf Command and in Italy with Allied Forces Headquarters.

After leaving the military, he became a Foreign Service Officer in the State Department serving for 32 years. His career took him to six Arab countries including Kuwait as Consul, Saudi Arabia as Charge d'Affaires, Tunisia as Ambassador, and Syria as Ambassador. In 1976 he was appointed Special Presidential Emissary to Lebanon after the assassination of the American Ambassador during the civil war.

He had three separate assignments in Washington D.C. One as Director of Arabian

Peninsula Affairs, another as Director of North Arabian Affairs, and another as Deputy Assistant Secretary of African Affairs.

In 1963 he served with Ambassador Bunker in negotiating the end of the war between Egypt and Saudi Arabia over Yemen. In 1965 he received a personal Letter of Commendation from the Secretary of Defense for his service in Saudi Arabia in negotiating the first U.S.-Saudi arms agreement. He also headed the Jordan Task Force in 1970 for which he received a White House Commendation.

After retirement in 1981 Seelye established a Middle East consultancy entitled Talcott Seelye Associates. In addition, he is Director of International Research Services for a Boston firm, which has a number of corporate clients. In this connection he puts out a newsletter and conducts orientation trips to the Middle East for oil analysts, money managers and other American businessmen.

Seelye is a lecturer and writer on the Middle East. He has appeared frequently on national network television and radio shows including the Today Show, Good Morning America, Nightline, Nightwatch, MacNeil-Lehrer, 60 Minutes, Face the Nation, Crossfire, CNN News programs, the World Monitor Network, Fox TV and BBC.

He has served on three boards, including on the Amherst College Board of Trustees from 1982 to 1986. In 1974 he received an honorary Doctor of Laws from Amherst College and in 2000 an honorary Doctor of Public Service from Washington and Jefferson College. He is past President of the American-Tunisian Association.

Seelye is quick to point out that although he ended up becoming known in foreign relations circles for his service in the Middle East, that was not his original intent. "My boyhood in Lebanon was two thousand percent American. I resisted learning Arabic and had to learn it like any other Foreign Service officer," he told Reporter Robert Kaplan for an article in Atlantic Monthly.

"I originally served in Germany, but there were

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*Editor's Note: This is the first of what will hopefully be a regular series of reports about the exploits of Seeley's around the world. If you know of someone we should put "in the spotlight" please get in touch with Paul Taylor (contact info on Pg 15).*

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suffered and a few items were completely destroyed.

In August 1983, the Second Seeley Reunion was held in Denver at the Greenwood Heritage inn with the help of Vernone (Mrs. Douglas) Cox. Robert Cox of Rives Junction, Michigan was elected president. His wife, Marianne is president of the Michigan Genealogical Council. So now SGS with its new leadership, and hopefully most of its problems in the past is on its way to greater things.

*Editor's Note: The SGS Board of Directors position of Historian remains vacant. The reader will also notice that this history ends in 1983. Since we all know something happened with SGS after that, we need to fill in the historical information about SGS after 1983. If you would like to take on the challenging but extremely important position of SGS Historian, please contact SGS President Jim Seeley (contact data on page 15). □*

## History, Heroes, and Hospitality

That's the banner the Abilene, Kansas Chamber of Commerce uses to promote the site of the

### Seeley Genealogical Society 2005 International Reunion

Thurs. – Sat., September 15 – 17

The reunion will feature the informative sessions you've come to expect, plus a chance to visit with family, as well as experience Abilene, Kansas and the remarkable history of the Great Plains!



Historic Seelye Mansion



Seelye Research Center



Abilene & Smoky Valley Railroad



Eisenhower Presidential  
Library & Museum



Dickinson County  
Historical Society  
Heritage Center

**Mark Your Calendar Now!!!**

## Past SGS Reunion Dates, Locations, and Officers

Compiled by Terry Tietjens, Seelye Research Center Dir.

### 1980 - Lyons, Colorado

Donald Eff.....	President
Robert Seeley Johnson.....	Vice Pres.
Esther Houtz.....	Genealogist
Hank Seeley.....	Publications
Marion Seelye .....	Secretary
Preston Seelye .....	Treasurer

### 1983 - Denver, Colorado

Robert G. Cox.....	President
Robert Seeley Johnson.....	Vice Pres.
Preston Seelye .....	Treasurer
Hank Seeley.....	Secretary
Esther (Houtz) Walter .....	Genealogist
Donald Eff.....	Publications

### 1986 - Fort Wayne, Indiana

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Beverly J. Smith .....	2nd Vice Pres.
Betty J. Allen.....	Secretary
John M. LaRue.....	Treasurer
Donald Eff.....	Publications
Robert Seeley Johnson.....	Judge Adv.
Charles Martin .....	Dir. at Large
Eugene A. Seelye .....	Dir. at Large
Kathleen S. Cannamela.....	Dir. at Large

### 1989 - Fort Wayne, Indiana

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Robert Seeley Johnson.....	Judge Adv.
Elizabeth Anderson .....	Genealogist
Montell Seely .....	A. Genealogist
Charles Martin .....	Dir. at Large
Eugene A. Seelye .....	Dir. at Large
Kathleen S. Cannamela.....	Dir. at Large

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## 20 Years Ago in SGS

### Nathaniel Seeley and the American Work Ethic

*In his column "From the Pen of the President," SGS President Robert G. Cox wrote in the February 1984 issue of the SGS Newsletter about the importance of remembering that genealogy is more than just the collection of data such as names and dates. He said it's also important to remember that each of the names we collect represents a lifetime and special stories. It is important to learn as much as we can about the people in our family histories, he said. He went on to recount the story of one eighth generation Seeley ancestor whose legacy of hard work and excellence remain a model for Seeleys today.*

Nathaniel Seeley, son of Daniel (SGS #1588), was born in New Jersey May 15, 1817 [sic]. His father was a farmer and not very prosperous. He had eleven children to clothe and feed. Nathaniel started an apprenticeship in the carpenter trade while his father was living. However, he was unable to continue because his help was needed on the farm. Daniel often took contracts for getting out timber. This resulted in Nathaniel learning to hue and square up logs.

Daniel died when Nathaniel was 18 years old. This put more responsibility on Nathaniel. He had to help support his mother and younger brothers and sisters. He built a very comfortable home of hued logs for his mother when he was 24 years of age. This was done during the cold winter months.

In 1841 Nathaniel moved permanently to Seneca County, N.Y. He married Laura Sparks in August of 1842. A short time later he purchased a small tract of land and built his first frame house. It was located on the road to Whiskey Hill, near Waterloo. That house created quite a furor among the carpenters there. They could not understand how anyone who had never learned the trade could build such a house. People came from miles around to view and praise this example of his excellent workmanship.

He became well known as a craftsman. He built and installed waterwheels, and did other millwright jobs. He had a talent for the use of tools. Because of higher pay, he branched out into the moving of houses, and was called on to salvage the jobs of other movers when they couldn't handle a problem.

This story has been condensed to save space. It is typical though of other Seeley stories. It fits a specific time period in history. Descendants of Nathaniel still relate the stories of his ingenuity and resourcefulness. Do you know any stories relating to your Seeley branch? Seeley stories are a part of our heritage.

*Editor's Note: I was fascinated by this story and went to the Blue Book to learn more about Nathaniel. From my search, I found nine children listed with parents Nathaniel Seeley and Laura Sparks. What adds to the story about Nathaniel is the name he chose for a son born in 1861: Abraham Lincoln. Apparently Nathaniel was an admirer of the newly elected President who would go on to lead his nation through its darkest hours.*

*Now back to 2004, if you have a story about a Seeley ancestor that you would like to share with the membership in the pages of future newsletters, please send it to the Newsletter editor (contact info on page 15). I would love to read more of these stories!*

## SGS Welcomes new members

### New Members

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### New LIFE Members

Sue Ann Seely and Roger P.  
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### Ancestry.com Quick Tip Organizing Papers You Refer to Often

Organizing loose papers is easy, if you cannot (or do not want to) take the time to file away a paper each time you use it, by using those stackable, clear plastic, letter size drawers you can find at your local discount store. The ones I use have three drawers each, and I stack one set on top of another, giving me six drawers in all. They measure 11" wide by 12" deep, and close to 19" tall. The clear window allows me to put a mini sticky label inside, that labels the contents "Census Images," "Research Aids," "Ancestry Daily News," "Bolton Emails," etc. The labels are easy to change if the contents of the drawer change. I pull out the whole drawer and sit it on my desk in front of me, and when finished, put the whole drawer back in its place. Submitted to Ancestry.com by Fran Bolton

# Canadian Corner

By Arthur Wade



Greetings to all Seeley cousins in Canada and around the world. This contribution comes from near Stirling, Ontario which is approximately fifteen minutes northeast of Belleville.

I have noticed a number of queries regarding Justus Seeley, Peet Seeley and Martin Seeley who were residents of the Elizabethtown area of Ontario. Although I have spent many hours researching these names, it becomes increasingly difficult because of changes in area boundaries.

Adding to this problem are the various spellings of the Seeley name some of which occur in the same family. In most of the early census only the name of the head of the household is recorded.

I am still trying my best to compile the information that I have gathered up to this point. I am hoping that the data attached will be of some help to those searching the Elizabethtown area. I have also attached an advertisement from a local newspaper regarding the Stirling-Rawdon area that has an e-mail address included. This could be of use to implement a search in that area of Ontario.

Please feel free to contact me by e-mail if I can be of any assistance.

Arthur Wade  
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Sely, David			1	
Sely, Polly				1
Sely, Jean				1
Sely, James Jr			1	
Sely, Lewis			1	

**These records are extracted from : All Name Listing For Census 1796-1848, Elizabethtown, Leeds County, Ontario Available at: Leeds & Greenville Branch, OGS, P.O. Box 536, Brockville Ontario K6V 5V7 Canada**

<b>1804</b>
Selee, Justus
Selee, Matilda
Selee, John
Selee, Amelia
Selee, Peter
Selee, Guy
Selee, Betsey
Selee, Mercy
Selee, Mary
Selee, Joseph
<b>1807</b>
Selee, Justus
Selee, John
Selee, Peter
Selee, Henry
Selee, Matilda
Selee, Orilla
Selee, Betsey
Selee, Charlotte
Selee, Mercy
Selee, Peet
Selee, Truman
Selee, Reuben
Selee, David
Selee, Elijah
Selee, Rebecca
Selee, Betsey

<b>1808 Head of House</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6
Selee, Peet	1	4	2	1	0	1
Seely, Mercy	0	0	0	0	0	0
Seely, Justus	1	3	4	1	0	0
Seely, Mrs*	0	0	0	0	0	0
Seely, Joseph*	0	0	0	0	0	0

\*Families 284 and 285

1 = Adult female, 2 = Male child, 3 = Female child, 4 = Adopted child, 5 = Hired male

<b>1810</b>	Adult female	Child male	Child female
Selee, Justus	0	3	3

<b>1819</b>	Adults		Children	
	M	F	M	F
Seeley, Justus	3	4	0	0
Seeley, Peet	9	2	0	0

<b>1821</b>	Adults		Children	
	M	F	M	F
Selee, David	1		1	0
Selee, David	1		1	1
Selee, John	1	1		
Selee, Justus	1	1		
Selee, Peet	1	1		
Selee, Trueman	1	1	1	2

<b>1839</b>	Boys -16	Boys +16	Girls -16	Girls +16
Seley, David	1	1	1	1
Seley, Peet	1	1	1	1
Seley, Widow	3	0	2	1
Seley, Widow	1	0	1	2
Seley, Widow	3	0	1	1

<b>1840</b>	Boys -16	Boys +16	Girls -16	Girls +16
Seeley, Peet	1	2	1	1
Seley, David	1	1	1	1
Seley, Mary	3	3	1	0
Selev, Widow	0	0	1	1

<b>1844</b>	Boys -16	Boys +16	Girls -16	Girls +16
Seeley, David	1	1	1	1
Seeley, James	1	0	1	0
Seeley, Peter	1	3	1	4

<b>1851</b>			
Selee, Lucius	52	US	Laborer
Selee, Charlotte	46	Can	
Selee, George W	13		
Selee, Mariah	2		
Selee, David	56	Can	Farmer
Selee Elizabeth	52		
Selee, James	85	US	
Selee, Polly			

### From the Campbellford Courier...

HISTORICAL volunteers wanted (and available). Our new local history & genealogy centre at the Stirling-Rawdon Public Library is up & running. Visit the centre during library hours to research on your own. For assistance with researching family trees historical society members have begun volunteering in the centre most Thursday evenings, usually between 7 to 8:30 p.m. Looking for volunteers to assist in the centre, training provided. Contact: Lewis Zandbergen at 613-395-3022 or lewzan@reach.net or call the library at 395-2837 or sprl@reach.net

## SGS Queries

(Data as of January 15, 2004)

Query number is 2 digit year, 2 digit month of newsletter, query sequence number

Please send your queries to Query Editor Linda Crocker at [llc100@btopenworld.com](mailto:llc100@btopenworld.com) or mail to Linda at home (see page 15) or to P.O. Box 1326, Harwich, MA 02645. Queries are assigned a query number by the Query Editor and are then sent to the Query Team and Area Coordinators. Linda summarizes each query and any responses for inclusion in the newsletter.

If you have any information on the queries below contact the submitter but remember to also send a copy of the information to Linda so the query can be updated in the next newsletter.

### Query Updates

#### Update to Query 0311-4 Re: Seeley wives

June McCole (mjune31@msn.com) was interested in finding information on the wives of the Seeley men in her line (James (6), Nathaniel, Ebenezer, Jonas, Obadiah, ?). James Seely is SGS #503.

We had a lengthy response from Steve Hollands citing information from the IGI about the wives, most of which we already have in our publications.

However Steve suggests that Mary Angel Miller, the wife of Obadiah Seeley (SGS # 4) and widow of John Miller is the daughter b. 6 Mar 1623 in Calne, Wiltshire, England to Andrew Angel and Mary Burgess. This doesn't agree with our 1997 Edition of the Descendants of Obadiah Seeley that lists her parents as James Angel and Anna Elliot. We need this clarified. Please let me know of proof linking Mary to either set of parents.

Steve also had information from the Stamford, CT Historical Society about John and Abigail Dean, the parents of Mercy Dean who married Ebenezer Seeley (SGS #63). If you need these details please contact me.

#### Update to Query 0311-8 Re: John W. Seeley

James O. Martin (503 West Center St., Logan, UT 84321-4427) had written requesting the parentage and ancestry of John W. Seeley, born abt. 1813 in CT and m. 30 March 1833 in Warren, Litchfield, CT to Lavina Shove (I listed her name in the query as Laura by mistake).

Dan Seelye has a Family Group sheet for John W. Seeley b. 14 Jun 1814 in CT and married Lavinia E Shaw 12 Mar 1834 in Warren, Litchfield Co. CT. The information shows the same 8 children

plus 3 others that died young. Contact Linda, Query Editor, if you need their names, etc. Dan's information came from queries in 1997 and 1999 from Phyllis and Jack B. Seeley.

We still need information to connect this family to a known line.

### New Queries

**Query 0402-1** Submitted by Judy Lock ([JCLock0514@aol.com](mailto:JCLock0514@aol.com))

Subject: Sarah Seeley

Judy has been researching Sarah Seeley and wants help identifying her parents. According to Judy: Sarah Seeley b. 1751 in Huntington, Suffolk, NY and d. 18 Dec. 1830 in Schaghticoke, Rensselaer, NY. She m. in Schaghticoke Thomas Ireland b. 1746 in Huntington, Suffolk, NY and d. 10 Dec. 1811 in Schaghticoke, Rensselaer, NY (son of Thomas Ireland). They had 14 children b. between 1770 and 1797. Judy has their names, birthdates, etc. She also has a copy of Thomas Ireland's will.

**SGS Interim Response:** Sarah doesn't seem to appear in the SGS Publications. Does anyone have any information or suggestions for Judy?

**Query 0402-2** Submitted by Earlene Hulbert ([Hulbert@tcworks.net](mailto:Hulbert@tcworks.net))

Subject: Zachariah Seeley

Earlene is trying to help a friend, Joy. Joy is the daughter of Charles Ernest Seeley. He is the son of Charles L. Seeley. Charles L. Seeley was b. 22 Sept. 1829 in NY. He had a brother named Stephen and his father was Zachariah or Zacharius Seeley. Charles L. moved with his family to Michigan and eventually ended up in KS where he died in September 1917.

**SGS Interim Response:** We have not been able to identify this Zachariah Seeley. Does anyone recognize this family? If so, please forward your information to your Query Editor and to Earlene.

**Query 0402-3** Submitted by Mary Anne Seeley Pyle ([marypyle@hotmail.com](mailto:marypyle@hotmail.com))

Subject: Ezra D. Seeley

Mary Anne is interested in an Ezra 'Doc' Seeley who was b. in 1795 and d. in 1864 and is buried in the Princeton, MO cemetery. She says that his father was from Canada and he was married to an Elisa/Eliza Jane from PA.

**SGS Interim Response:** This Ezra shares some particulars with SGS #865. The entry in the

7th Generation volume indicates that maybe these are 2 different Ezra's (bottom of p. 45). Dian Little suggested that Mary Ann check the Mercer Co. MO website and the Mercer Co. Genealogical and Historical Society.

Any readers having information on this family (or families) are encouraged to share it with Mary Anne and to copy their information to the Query Editor.

**Query 0402-4** Submitted by Judy Seeley Price ([JKSP1957@aol.com](mailto:JKSP1957@aol.com))

Subject: William J Seeley

Judy sent the following information on her family: William J. Seeley b. May 21, 1859, d. April 3, 1935, m. August 1, 1884 to Carrie Ann Steiner, b. June 7, 1865, d. March 25, 1908. Their son, Judy's grandfather, was Charles Alford Seeley b. July 16, 1882, d. January 4, 1971 and m. December 17, 1920 Marie Hilda Miller who was b. May 17, 1896 and d. October 6, 1986. Judy's father was Donald Earl Seeley.

Judy has never found any link to anyone.

**SGS Interim Response:** None to date.

**Query 0402-5** Submitted by John Trumbo ([jtdugan@owt.com](mailto:jtdugan@owt.com))

Subject: Mary Helen Seeley Crosby

John Trumbo is a newspaper reporter who has spent 30 years researching the story of California's admission to the Union. . A woman who was the mother of Mary Helen (Seeley) Crosby reportedly had great influence with Wm. Seward re: him dropping his objection to admission because of the Fugitive Slavery law (reportedly he once proposed to this woman).

John has this information on Mary Helen: Mary Helen Crosby, step-daughter of Elisha O. Crosby married Major Samuel J. Hensley April 7, 1851 Santa, Clara Co, California. On October 18, 1850 Helen Crosby arrived in San Francisco on the steamship Oregon. Tucked in the folds of her umbrella were the documents announcing the admission of California into the Union as a State.

The possibility is that her mother's name was Seeley before marrying Crosby; hence Mary Helen's middle name of Seeley. Her mother may have been from Orange Co. N.Y. This woman had a great part in Ca. history.

**SGS Interim Response:** There isn't any information on Mary Helen or Elisha Crosby, her step-father in the SGS publications. We are looking for any information on a possible Seeley woman who married Elisha O. Crosby and her daughter Mary Helen (Seeley) Crosby. If you can help with this interesting family please contact

John Trumbo and Linda, your Query Editor.

## How to Submit a Query

If you would like to submit a query please follow a few guidelines.

Be specific and detailed: Give us as much information as you have about the person or family in question, especially dates and locations.

What resources have you already consulted? The SGS Publications? The census? Cemetery records? Ancestry.com?

What exactly do you want to know? Parent's names and details? Information on siblings? Information on a family marrying into the Seeley family?

After your query is printed please keep us informed about any information you receive or any further progress you make on your own. Other members may also be interested or related to your line.

One more name, date or place may be the key to connecting your line to another. Also make sure we have your current email and normal address – sometimes we get information several months after publication.

## From the Query Editor

Our Query column is a little light this month. Now that winter has settled in I hope you'll stay warm in front of the computer or at your local genealogical library doing some research. We have plenty of un-answered past queries (dig out an old newsletter) and some interesting queries this month too. Sometimes, when you're at a dead-end in your own research, delving into something else opens up new leads in your own area, so why not try to solve someone else's mystery?

### **Ancestry.com Quick Tip**

#### **Ask Family to Bring Photo Albums for Get-Togethers**

I invited relatives over and requested that they bring old photo albums. My purpose was to get copies for myself, but I got much more. By going through the old photo albums, my mom and aunt were able to recall more names for the family tree. It's also an excellent time to put names with the pictures. If you don't identify the people in the photos, most of the pictures will be useless to your children. A few words added to the photos are also useful to tell a story.

*Submitted to Ancestry.com by  
Karen Letendre*

## Court Records (Continued From Page 6)

nals in the State Archives at the Connecticut State Library.

In accordance with the State of Connecticut website accessibility policies, CCR is being developed with universal access in mind. Currently, images in the digital collection can not be accessed online by users with visual impairment. They are working to remedy this situation and intend to offer full-text access to this digital collection in the near future. Full-text searching of all fifteen volumes is planned for future implementation. However, due to the variations in spelling, printing, and the age of the texts, this implementation will be expensive. Contributions to the project are most welcomed. If you would like to donate a valuable gift expressly to support the ongoing development and success of CCR, please contact Linda Perrone (linda.perrone@uconn.edu), Director of Development for the University of Connecticut Libraries or David Avery (david.avery@uconn.edu), CCR Project Manager, University of Connecticut Libraries. □

## Talcott Seelye (Continued From Page 7)

too many German-speaking officers, so I went into Arab affairs only because the Middle East was opening up as a career. But given my family history, I suppose my relationship with the Arabs is atavistic."

A member of SGS for more than 20 years, he has a fondness for family history and an interest in his ancestors. His great grandfather, Julius Seelye, served as President of Amherst after having served in Congress, and his great uncle Laureus Clarke Seelye was the first President of Smith College.

"I believe strongly in tradition, and family history is an important part of that," he said.

That strongly held belief in the importance of tradition and family history is one he shared with his own children.

"In my experience, family members are not that interested in genealogy until they get older. However, early exposure to some special aspects of family history may spark a later interest," he said.

Seelye and his wife, the former Joan Hazeltine, reside in Bethesda, Md. They have four children: Lauren, Talcott, Amanda and Kate. Kate, has, in a way, continued in her father's footsteps: she serves as a Middle East correspondent for National Public Radio. □

## Standards For Sharing Information With Others

The Internet has become an extraordinarily useful tool. We use it to exchange email and share family information. We use it to exchange files of family information. We use it to do genealogical research and to view Web sites. With this vast pool of information, augmenting other forms of communications, many have wondered just how accurate the data is.

Below are some **Standards For Sharing Information With Others**, recommended by the *National Genealogical Society* (NGS), which could be helpful if we rigorously use it when sharing our family information. These standards originally appeared on page 147 of the NGS Newsmagazine, Volume 26 Number 3, May/June 2000 and were reprinted in the February 2001 SGS Newsletter.

Conscious of the fact that sharing information or data with others, whether through speech, documents or electronic media, is essential to family history research and that it needs continuing support and encouragement, responsible family historians consistently:

- \* Respect the restrictions on sharing information that arise from the rights of another as an

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### Ancestry.com Quick Tip

#### Restoring Old Family Albums

Do you have one of those old family photo albums filled with wonderful small pictures held in by the corners? Most of them have black pages. My album is further complicated in that all of the mounted pictures have been glued in place!! I tried a bit of modern technology with fantastic success. I took the pages to my local sophisticated copy shop and had the pages copied full-size on quality heavy paper. The results were fantastic, and I am now mounting the copies in a modern album. It's a wonderfully simple way to save this family treasure. The copies must be made from the original pages—copying the copy resulted in serious deterioration in picture quality.

If the old album does not identify the pictures, an artist's white pencil on the black original works very well and appears nicely on the copy. I suggest taking a page or two of the album to the copy shop to determine the shop's capability. Copying machines for this type work are all laser so that the expected life of the product is substantial.

*Submitted to Ancestry.com by  
Woody Walker*

## A Note From the Newsletter Editor

Greetings, once again, from your humble newsletter editor. Assuming this article isn't your first stop in this issue, you have no doubt noticed a significant increase in "Editor's Notes" before and following stories. In order to ensure the newsletter continues to be a world class representation of our world class organization, I think it's extremely important for the newsletter to include inputs from the membership regarding our family's history and genealogy in general.

As review, I specifically asked in this issue for:

- \* Stories about Seeley Ancestors
- \* Suggestions for *Seelye in the Spotlight*

I hope that as you read the newsletter, ideas have occurred to you about stories or people that we can all benefit from. If so, please forward them to me as soon as you can. My contact data is on this page at the right.

Just as important are stories or articles about genealogy. These can be your own research experiences or tips that you can share to help others who are working to trace their family histories. With more than 400 SGS members, there is plenty of experience to share. □

### Correction

There are a couple of minor errors on page 8 of the November Newsletter under the Nominating Committee's Report. John R. Seely and Beverly Smith (not Phyllis Smith, as reported) were members of the committee. Also, Walt Davis was not a member of the committee. The editor apologizes for any confusion this may have caused. □

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***Descendants of Robert Seeley (1602-1667) and Obadiah Seeley (1614-1657): Generations One Through Five, 1997 Edition***, and ***The Sixth Generation Families, 1995 Edition***, are both available for \$17 including postage. ***The Seventh Generation Families: Descendants of Robert Seeley (1601-1667) and Obadiah Seeley (1614-1657), 2000 Edition***, is available for \$25 including postage. Prior issues of the ***SGS Newsletter*** are available for \$2 each. They can be ordered from Seelye Research Center Director Terry Tietjens (contact info above).

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